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1. In April 1946, PW Camp No. L.51 at Odessa (approximately 15,000 men, mostly medically unfit) was visited by a commission with the special task of selecting skilled workers. The camp commandant, Captain Voronin, with his interpreter and the three Russians who composed the commission, called out 2,000 men from a previously compiled list and questioned them on the following points:
 1. Date and place of birth.
 2. Nationality.
 3. Occupation.
 4. Previous place of employment.
 5. Technical knowledge of German machinery.
 6. Whether acquainted with the German "Gewindewalzmachine" (screw threader).
 7. Whether ever employed by a German factory.
2. The commission departed. On the following day the 2,000 men were issued new clothing and left shortly afterwards in Russian military vehicles for an unknown destination.
3. The following trades were selected: mechanical engineers, auto mechanics, airplane mechanics, designers, opticians, fitters, and precision and blue-print experts.

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